

***Method of funding.** Except as provided in § 64.604, the Commission shall not refuse to certify a state program based solely on the method such state will implement for funding intrastate TRS, but funding mechanisms, if labeled, shall be labeled in a manner that promote national understanding of TRS and do not offend the public.*

In response to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the 1987 legislative mandate, the 1991 Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 853. This bill gave the Department of General Services (DGS) administrative authority over Maryland's TRS, established a Universal Service Trust Fund as the funding mechanism, and mandated that the service begin by December 31, 1991, and be fully operational by July 1, 1992. **The fee assessed on the Local Exchange Carrier Bills in the State of Maryland is labeled, "Telecommunications Access of MD Fee".**